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Chair: Mr. Sadi

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The discussion covered in the summary record began at 12.05 p.m.

Substantive issues arising from the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (*continued*)

1. **The Chair**, reviewing the activities and meetings that had taken place during the session, said that the Committee had considered the reports of seven States parties, namely France, Sweden, Honduras, Burkina Faso, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Angola and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and had continued its work under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant, examining three communications, all of which had been declared inadmissible. The Committee had also completed its first reading of the new general comment on State obligations under the Covenant in the context of business activities. The rapporteurs for the new general comment would proceed to hold consultations with relevant stakeholders with a view to the final text being adopted in the near future, possibly at the Committee's next session. In addition, the Committee had discussed and adopted a substantive statement on public debt, austerity measures and the Covenant.

2. A historic joint meeting had been held with the Human Rights Committee to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the adoption of the Covenant and its sister treaty, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. There was a clear consensus on the need for the two committees to meet together on a more regular basis and to coordinate their efforts to meet the challenges to the full realization of economic, social and cultural rights and civil and political rights on the ground.

3. The Committee had reviewed its working methods in the context of the treaty body strengthening process and had discussed issues raised at the recent meeting of the Chairs of the human rights treaty bodies. After a successful trial period, the Committee had decided that a country task force headed by a country rapporteur would lead the interactive dialogues with States parties at all future sessions. The tentative programme of work for the Committee's fifty-ninth session, which would take place from 19 September to 7 October 2016, had also been adopted.

Consideration of reports

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant (*continued*)

4. **The Chair** said that, if there were no objections, he would take it that the Committee wished to adopt its concluding observations on the reports of France (E/C.12/FRA/CO/4), Sweden (E/C.12/SWE/CO/6), Honduras (E/C.12/HND/CO/2), Burkina Faso (E/C.12/BFA/CO/1), the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (E/C.12/MKD/CO/2-4), Angola (E/C.12/AGO/CO/4-5) and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (E/C.12/GBR/CO/6).

5. *It was so decided.*

Closure of the session

6. Following an exchange of courtesies, the Chair declared closed the fifty-eighth session of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

The meeting rose at 12.20 p.m.